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Ship-Carpenter's Love
T O T H E
Merchant's Daughter.



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YOU loyal lovers all draw near,
A true relation you shall hear,
Of a young couple who proved to be,
A pattern of true loyalty.

A merchant did in Bristol dwell,
As many people knew full well :
He had a daughter of beauty bright,
In whom he plac'd his heart's delight.

He had no child, but only she,
Her father lov'd her tenderly,
Many to court her thither came,
Gallants of worth, birth and fame.

Yet notwithstanding all their love,
A young ship carpenter did prove
To be the master of her heart,
She often said, We'll never part.

As long as life and breath remain,
Your company I'll not refrain ;
No curst gold or silver bright,
Shall make me wrong my heart's delight.

Now when her father came to know,
His daughter lov'd this young man so,

He caus'd him to be sent to sea.
To keep her from his company.

Which when his daughter came to hear,
Without the thought the dread or fear,
She drest herself in seaman's hue,
And after him she did pursue.

Unto the captain she did go,
And said, Right worthy sir, 'tis so,
You do want men, I understand,
I'm free to fight with heart and hand.

The captain straitway did reply,
Young man you're welcome heartily ;
One guinea in her hand he gave,
She passed for a seaman brave.

Soon after this the ship did sail,
And with a fair and pleasant gale ;
But the ship-carpenter her dear,
Did little think his love so near.

She then appeared for to be,
A person of no mean degree ;
With pretty fingers long and strait,
She soon became the surgeon's mate.

P A R T II.

IT happened so that this same ship,
A storming of the town of Dieppe,
She lay at anchor something nigh,
Where the cannon balls they did fly,

Then the first man that wounded were,
 Was this young bold ship-carpenter;
 When drums did beat and trumpets found,
 He in his breast receiv'd a wound.

Then to the surgeons care was he,
 Brought down with speed immediately,
 Whereas the pretty surgeons mate,
 Did courteously upon him wait.

She drest the wounded dismal part,
 Altho' the fight did pierce her heart;
 Yet she did use her utmost skill,
 To cure him with a right good will.

She cur'd him in a little space,
 He often gaz'd upon her face;
 Surgeon, said he, such eyes as thine,
 Did formerly my heart entwine:

If e'er I live to go on shore,
 And she be dead whom I adore,
 I will thy true companion be,
 And ne'er forsake thy company.

If she be dead this will I do,
 To the female sex I'll bid adieu,
 And ne'er will marry for her sake,
 But to the seas myself betake.

P A R T III.

THE merchant's daughter of Bristol, who
 Unto her love prov'd just and true,
 When many storms were overblown,
 She to her love herself made known.

The season of the year being past,
 The ship was homewards bound at last,
 When into harbour she did get,
 The seamen all on shore was set.

But yet of all the whole ship's crew,
 There not a soul among them knew,
 That they a woman had so near,
 Until she told it to her dear.

To whom she did these words unfold,
 Not long ago, cries she, you told
 Me plainly, that such eyes as mine,
 Did formerly your heart entwine.

Then without any more ado,
 Into his arms she straitway flew,
 And cries my love thou art my own,
 This have I done for thee alone.

His heart was touch'd with joy likewise,
 When as the tears stood in his eyes;
 He said thou hast a valiant heart,
 And hath perform'd a lovers part.

Therefore without any more delay,
 He dress'd her like a lady gay,

So then they married were with speed.
As formerly they had agreed.

P A R T IV.

THEN to her father's house he went,
And found him in much discontent,
He asked for his daughter dear,
Which pierc'd her father's heart to hear.

He with a mournful sigh reply'd,
I wish she had in her cradle dy'd,
Then I should have seen my darling's death,
When she had yielded up her breath.

But now I ne'er shall see her more,
My jewel, whom I still adore,
O most unhappy man was I,
To part her from thy company.

Had I a kingdom now in store,
Nay, had I that and ten times more;
I'd part with all her face to see,
Daughter would I had dy'd for thee.

The young man hearing what he said,
Reply'd your daughter is not dead,
For you within an hour's space,
Shall surely see your daughter's face.

He rode as fast as he could hie,
And fetch'd her home immediately;
He set her in her father's hall,
Where on her knees she strait did fall.

The old man was with joy possest,
 His daughter then he kist and blest,
 Thrice welcome home art thou to me,
 Once more, my jewel from the sea.

To him the truth she did relate,
 And how she'd been the surgeon's mate,
 Then he did smile and was most glad,
 And gave them all that e'er he had.

She that was seaman and surgeon's mate,
 Reserved by the hand of fate,
 She now is made a loving wife,
 And liveth free from care and strife.

Young lovers all a pattern take,
 When you a solem contract make,
 Stand to the same whate'er betide,
 As did this faithful loving bride.

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